

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 12. (Canceled)

13. (New) A gaming machine comprising:

a variable display device for variably displaying symbols;

a front display device disposed in front of the variable display device,

wherein the front display device includes a liquid crystal display panel through which the variable display device is seen;

a light guiding plate for guiding light emitted from a first light source to the liquid crystal display panel, which is disposed between the variable display device and the liquid crystal display panel and has at least one first opening allowing the symbols variably displayed in the variable display device to be observed;

a rear holder which is disposed between the variable display device and the light guiding plate, and reflects the light emitted on the light guiding plate to the side of the liquid crystal display panel, the rear holder has at least one second opening allowing the symbols variably displayed in the variable display device to be observed, the rear holder comprises a recessed marginal portion to which an antistatic sheet covering the second opening is adhered with a double-sided adhesive tape; and

a second light source which is provided between the rear holder and the variable display device.

14. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 13, wherein the second light source is provided close proximity to the recessed marginal portion of the rear holder above or below the second opening.

15. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 13, wherein the variable display device is one or more rotatable reels each having a reel band thereon, on which the symbols are affixed.

16. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 13, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine.